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# ***Legislation of Interest 2006***

# **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE 2006 LEGISLATION OF INTEREST**

## **2005-2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

This report summarizes legislation of interest to the Department of Food and Agriculture enacted or vetoed in 2006. The enacted bills summarized herein have an effective date of January 1, 2007, except those enacted as urgency measures which become effective immediately upon approval by the Governor.

## **INTERESTING FACTS FROM 2006**

- ✓ The Governor has received **1172** bills in the 2006 legislative session. He has taken action on **1172** bills, signing **910** and vetoing **262**.
- ✓ CDFA submitted recommendations on **55** bills in 2006.
- ✓ CDFA sponsored **1** bill. The bill was enacted successfully.

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AB 874	Avian Flu Wildlife Surveillance	No	AH	SIGN	9/29/06u
AB 1333	Grease Waste Haulers	No	AH	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2332	Cattle	No	AH	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2584	Emergency and Disaster Response Exercise: Infectious Diseases	No	AH	VETO	n/a
AB 2862	Sale of Animals at Pet Store	No	AH	VETO	n/a
AB 2906	Agriculture	No	AH	SIGN	1/1/07
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SB 611	Meat and Poultry Recalls	No	AH	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1032	Antelope and Elk Hunting	No	AH	SIGN	1/1/07
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Fairs					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 2543	The Board of Directors of the CA Exposition and State Fair	No	FE	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 746	Horse Racing	No	FE	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1229	Horse Racing – Advertising	No	FE	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1396	Horse Racing, Licensing	No	FE	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1805	Horse Racing, Thoroughbred Racing: Handle	No	FE	SIGN	9/30/06u

General Agriculture					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 32	Air Pollution: Greenhouse Gases: Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	No	EP	SIGN	1/01/07

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Inspections					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 2676	Farmers Markets	No	IS	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2958	Food and Agriculture Program	No	IS	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1852	Maintenance of the Codes	No	IS	SIGN	1/1/07

Land					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 1387	CEQA: Residential Infill Projects	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2497	Resources Agency	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2900	California Natural Landmarks Programs	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1360	Conservation Easement Registry	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1395	Environmental Quality: Native American Sites	No	EP	VETO	n/a
SB 1814	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Schools	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1843	Natural Resources: California Coastal Act: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1802	Farmworker Housing	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07

Marketing					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 393	California Walnut Commission	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 1598	Agriculture Omnibus Changes	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 1693	Cut Flower Commission: Assessments	No	MS	SIGN	9/27/06
AB 1834	California Date Commission	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2343	Milk Producers' Security Trust Fund	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2354	Agriculture and Seafood Industries	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1253	Historic Wine	No	MS	VETO	n/a

Measurement Standards					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 1012	Vehicular Air Pollution Control Glean Alternative Fuels	No	DMS	VETO	n/a
AB 2285	Point of Sale Systems	No	DMS	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1505	Fuel: Hydrogen Alternative Fuel	No	DMS/EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1852	Maintenance of the Codes	No	DMS	SIGN	1/1/07

Milk/Dairy					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 2343	Milk Producers' Security Trust Fund	No	MS	SIGN	1/1/07

Miscellaneous					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 1535	School Instructional Gardens: Pupil Nutrition	No	EXEC	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2384	Nutrition Healthy Food Purchase Pilot Program	No	EXEC	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 3021	California-Mexico Relations	No	AEP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 927	Port, Congestion Relief: Security Environmental Mitigation: Regulatory Fees	No	AEP	VETO	n/a
SB 1286	Binational Air Pollution	No	EP	VETO	n/a
SB 1513	Business, Transportation and Housing: Trade/Investment	No	AEP	SIGN	1/1/07

Plant/Pests					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 984	Tamarisk Plant Control	No	PH	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 1147	Industrial Hemp	No	PH	VETO	n/a
AB 2367	Criminal Penalties	No	PH	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2479	Noxious and Invasive Weeds	No	PH	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 2648	Pesticides	No	OPCA	SIGN	1/1/07

Water					
Bill	Subject	Report to Leg.	Division	Sign/ Veto	Effective Date
AB 797	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
AB 798	Delta Levee Maintenance	No	EP	SIGN	9/28/06
SB 1574	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07
SB 1640	Water	No	EP	VETO	n/a
SB 1733	Water Quality	No	EP	SIGN	1/1/07

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### **AB 32 (Nunez, Air Pollution: Greenhouse Gases: Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

#### **Chapter 488**

**Bill Summary:** AB 32 will require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to adopt regulations by January 1, 2008, for the reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance. It will require the CARB to adopt regulations by January 1, 2010, to limit greenhouse gas emissions statewide to 1990 levels by 2020, and include a list of early actions reduction measures and a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions.

### **AB 393 (Frommer, California Walnut Commission**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

#### **Chapter # 409**

**Bill Summary:** AB 393 will delete provisions relating to any affiliation with cooperative handling of walnuts and allow the Executive Committee to operate with full authority of the Commission during the 2006 marketing year through June 30, 2007.

### **AB 450 (Yee, Standard Emergency Management System: Animals**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

#### **Chapter # 604**

**Bill Summary:** AB 450 will require the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to approve, adopt and incorporate the California Animal Response in Emergency System (CARES) into Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). No later than January 31, 2007, the Department of Food and Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Emergency Services and other interested parties to incorporate the CARES program into their emergency planning.

### **AB 797, (Wolk, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

#### **Chapter # 547**

**Bill Summary:** AB 797 will add four members to the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) and allow landowners with Williamson Act contracts in the secondary zone of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to rescind their contracts provided other land put under contract is in the primary or secondary Zone of the Delta.

### **AB 798, (Wolk, Delta Levee Maintenance)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

#### **Chapter # 548**

**Bill Summary:** This urgency measure will extend the sunset date for reimbursement of costs to repair levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from 2006 to 2010, subject to certain conditions. It states the intent of the Legislature to appropriate additional funds as they become available through the sale of bonds.

**AB 874, (Wolk, Avian Flue Wildlife Surveillance)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 708**

**Bill Summary:** This urgency measure would establish the Avian Influenza Wildlife Surveillance Act to require surveillance, monitoring, sampling, diagnostic testing and reporting of avian influenza in California wild birds; establishment of an advisory group; and a report to the legislature by July 1, 2007. This bill would also appropriate up to \$1,088,000 be made available to carry out the provisions of this proposal.

**AB 984, (Laird, Tamarisk Plant Control)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 710**

**Bill Summary:** AB 984 will direct the California Department of Water Resources, in collaboration with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), California Department of Fish and Game, and the Colorado River Board to develop a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the Colorado River watershed. The program shall include reestablishment of native vegetation and would be undertaken in cooperation with the other states in the watershed, affected water agencies, and the federal government.

**AB 1012, (Nation, Vehicular Air Pollution Control Clean Alternative Fuels)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1012 would have required the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop and adopt regulations by June 30, 2008, becoming operative by January 1, 2010, to increase the use of clean alternative fuels, as defined, and require the CARB to submit a report to the Legislature on the progress the state has made in increasing the use of alternative fuels, reducing dependence on imported petroleum fuels, and improving public health and environment due to the use of alternative fuels.

**AB 1147, (Leno, Industrial Hemp)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1147 would have revised the definition of marijuana so that the term would not include industrial hemp, define industrial hemp, make technical amendments to change "varieties" of industrial hemp to "types" of industrial hemp, and provide measures for the destruction of industrial hemp crops that exceed stated limits.

**AB 1333, (Frommer, Grease Waste Haulers)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 186**



**Bill Summary:** AB 1333 pertains to material collected from grease traps and interceptors that are part of sewage systems at restaurants and other food preparation facilities. This bill will make it an offense to: 1.) reinsert any of that material back into grease traps or interceptors; 2.) discharge such material into waterways; and 3. transport such grease in a vehicle used for transporting any other material. It also specifies fines for violators and distribution of such funds after collection.

**AB 1387, (Jones, CEQA: Residential Infill Projects)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 715**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1387 will "lower the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) bar" for residential infill projects that don't otherwise satisfy the existing CEQA exemption for infill projects.

**AB 1535, (Nunez, School Instructional Gardens: Pupil Nutrition)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 437**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1535 will expand the institutions eligible for garden grants from the Department of Education, would establish an interagency working group and a separate advisory group on gardens to advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction on how best to encourage creation and sustain instructional gardens. The bill will authorize specified educational entities to apply for 3-year grants to develop or maintain garden programs and will establish a reporting requirement for those programs

**AB 1598, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Agriculture Omnibus Changes)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 499**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1598 will amend the format by which future "per horse drug-testing fees" for public horse shows and auctions are established for the Department's Equine Medication Monitoring Program; amend the California Sea Urchin Commission Law; amend the California Tomato Commission Law; amend California Seed Law; and amend California Walnut Commission Law.

**AB 1693, (Berg, Cut Flower Commission: Assessments)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 500**

**Bill Summary:** This urgency measure will set \$100,000 as the maximum total amount of assessments that any one grower may be asked to pay on any given year to the California Cut Flower Commission (CCFC). This limit will not apply to producers who at any point during a fiscal year are out of compliance with the Commission's collection requirements.

**AB 1834, (Garcia, California Date Commission)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 83**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1834 will amend the California Date Commission Law by eliminating the provision that limits a member or alternate member of the Date Commission from serving more than four consecutive terms

**AB 2285, (Assembly Business and Professions Committee, Point of Sale Systems)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 566**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2285 will amend Business and Professions Code by changing the requirement for displaying advertised reductions or discounts, remove the requirement to display taxes charged, and delete the term automatic checkout system and replace it with the term point of sale system.

**AB 2332, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Cattle)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 715**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2332 allows a cattle producer to submit a written request or a petition to the Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture, signed by at least 25 cattle producers, to consider amending or repealing a modified point-of-origin or a full point-of-origin livestock inspection area. This bill amends per head inspection and authorize the Bureau of Livestock Identification (BLI) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with cattle producers for the purposes of pre-sale inspection of purebred bull and project calves. This bill authorizes the State Veterinarian to approve temporary research projects regarding animal tissue disposal. Lastly, this bill corrects typographical errors and makes technical, grammatical changes for clarity.

**AB 2343, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Milk Producers' Security Trust Fund)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 505**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2343 will make amendments to the funding mechanism and funding requirements for the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund (Trust Fund). It will exclude sales of bulk milk from one milk handler to another milk handler from the prohibition against sales-below-cost, so long as the handler selling the milk has properly accounted for the milk when it was originally purchased from a dairy farmer or cooperative.

**AB 2354, (Laird, Agriculture and Seafood Industries)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 844**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2354 will authorize any agricultural commission or council to petition the Secretary of the Department to administer any activity that the commission or council is authorized to engage in and that is authorized pursuant to the California Marketing Act of 1937. It would further provide that in responding to such a petition, the Department could waive a required industry referendum under certain conditions.

**AB 2367, (La Surer, Criminal Penalties)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 347**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2367 will revise the punishment for second offenders convicted of violating the California Desert Native Plant Act, contained in Food and Agricultural Code Sections 80001-80201.

**AB 2384, (Leno, Nutrition Healthy Food Purchase Pilot Program)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 236**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2384 will establish a Healthy Food Purchase pilot program within the Department of Health Services (DHS) to increase the sale and purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables in low-income communities.

**AB 2479, (Cogdill, Noxious and Invasive Weeds)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 323**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2479 would increase the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) administrative allocation from five percent to 10 percent for administering cost-share funding for local Weed Management Area control projects.

**AB 2497, (Laird, Public Resources: Resources Agency)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 462**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2497 will require the State Resources Agency Secretary and the Director of Finance to jointly convene a workgroup to recommend options for improving the efficiency of the state resource land acquisition transaction process for agencies subject to the state Public Works Board. It would require, at a minimum that the workgroup address issues raised by the California Performance Review of 2004 pertaining to this process.

**AB 2543, (Bermudez, The Board of Directors of the California Exposition and State Fair.)**

This urgency measure would amend the Food and Agriculture Code relating to hiring practices of the Board of Directors of the California Exposition and State Fair (Cal Expo) and elucidate permissible actions of Board Members and Sacramento County probation officers who work as Cal Expo security.

**AB 2584, (De La Torre, (Emergency and Disaster Response Exercise: Infectious Diseases.)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** AB 1584 would have require the Department of Health Services (DHS) and local public health departments, when conducting emergency or disaster preparedness exercises relating to an outbreak of an infectious disease, to establish a process to identify deficiencies in the preparedness plans and procedures, and to track implementation of corrective measures.

**AB 2648, (Matthews, Pesticides)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 93**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2648 makes technical non-substantive changes to the statute that covers pesticide data requirements and provisions unique to the California pesticide registration process.

**AB 2676, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Farmers Markets)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 440**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2676 extends the sunset clauses relating to Farmers Market funding and enforcement activities January 1, 2012.

**AB 2862, (Ridley-Thomas, Sale of Animals at Pet Stores)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** This urgency measure would have require the Department of Consumer Affairs to adopt regulations by January 1, 2008, after consultation with affected parties, for the care and handling of companion animals sold to the general public

**AB 2900, (Plescia, California Natural Landmarks Programs)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 827**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2900 will establish the California Natural Landmarks Program, which would consist of a procedure for designating, modifying, and rescinding designation of, California natural landmarks. It would require the owner of the property so designated, to initiate or agree to that designation, clarify the California Environmental Quality Act exemption, and clarify the fee requirement on landowners who apply for a landmark.

**AB 2906, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Agriculture)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 584**

**Bill Summary:** This administration sponsored bill (CDFA 06-02 & CDFA 06-04) authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) to inspect and issue a permit to bulk milk tanker cleaning facilities not attached to a licensed milk products plant or market milk dairy farm, and to charge a cost-related inspection fee. This bill requires that bulk milk tankers be cleaned and sanitized only at facilities holding such permits or licenses. This bill makes technical amendments to existing law relating to milk inspection services. Additionally, this bill authorizes the charge of a fee to cover the issuing of a dairy exemption number which would be deposited in the Food and Agriculture Fund which shall be evidence of ownership of specified cows and bulls presented for sale at a registered or posted sales yard or licensed slaughter plant for immediate slaughter.

**AB 2915, (Saldana, Veterinary Medicine: Licensure and Regulation)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 823**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2915 will exempt from the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine veterinarians employed by a city, city and county, or county who meet specified education and experience criteria and who are conducting activities, under direct supervision related to pathology and epidemiology on dead animals as part of specified government programs until January 1, 2011.

**AB 2958, (Assembly Agriculture Committee, Food and Agricultural Programs)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 285**

**Bill Summary:** AB 2958 will change the commercial feed license fee, increase the delinquent license penalty, and specify the disposition of revenues generated from license fees.

**AB 3021, (Nunez, California-Mexico Relations)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter #621**

**Bill Summary:** AB 3021 will establish the California-Mexico Border Relations Council (Council) and require the Council to submit a report the Legislature annually, as specified

**SB 611, (Speier, Meat and Poultry Recalls)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 592**

**Bill Summary:** SB 611 will require that a meat or poultry supplier, distributor, broker or processor who sells meat or poultry product that is subject to a voluntary recall requested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to immediately inform the Department of Health Services (DHS) and provide a list of retailers who have received such products. This bill will authorize the notification of the public regarding the recall. Additionally, this bill will limit notifications regarding restaurants when the contaminated product has not been served, sold, or otherwise offered to the public for consumption and has been permanently removed from the restaurant's food supply.

**SB 746, (Vincent, Horse Racing)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 368**

**Bill Summary:** SB 746 provides that a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone must display the signal and accept wagers on all races a harness racing association is conducting in the northern zone and that a harness racing association in the northern zone must display the signal and accept wagers on quarter horse races conducted by a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone. It also provides that when a harness racing association in the northern zone and a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone are both conducting live racing, both locations shall accept and display the audiovisual signal of the other location and accept wagers on the other

association's live or imported races, and requires each to pay a fee to the other association.

**SB 927, (Lowenthal, Ports, Congestion Relief: Security Enhancement Environmental Mitigation: Regulatory Fees)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** SB 927 would have required the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to develop a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through the port and to retain a portion for projects to improve security. In addition, this bill would have required the remainder of the fee to be transmitted to the Port Congestion Relief Trust Fund for rail project to improve moving port container cargo and the Port Mitigation Relief Trust Fund to develop project to mitigate environmental pollution caused by the movement of cargo in the ports.

**SB 1032, (Hollingsworth, Antelope and Elk Hunting)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 637**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1032 will allow nonresidents to purchase antelope and elk license tags, and require nonresident license tag fees be fixed by regulation before July 1, 2007.

**SB 1229, Florez, Horse Racing: Advertising)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 305**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1229 will add a section to the state Penal Code that would make it illegal to advertise non-parimutuel wagering on horse racing, particularly wagering at offshore facilities. Pari-mutuel is a system of betting in which all the money wagered is returned to the bettors after a set takeout.

**SB 1253, (Migden, Historic Wine)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1253 would have added a section to Government Code proclaiming that Zinfandel would be the historic wine of California.

**SB 1286, (Ducheny, Binational Air Pollution)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1286 would have established a binational council to address air quality issues for the air basin encompassing the cities of Imperial County, California and Mexicali, Baja California, contingent on the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between any California state agency, the County of Imperial, the State of Baja California and the City of Mexicali. It would have required that representation on the council be evenly divided between California (state and local) and Mexican representatives.

**SB 1349, (Soto, Animal Fighting Exhibitions)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 430**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1349 will increase the penalties for animal fighting related misdemeanors and dictate that a second offense be either a misdemeanor or a felony with prescribed penalties for persons causing an animal to fight with a like or different animal, and for those owning, possessing, keeping, or training any bird or other animal with the intent to have the animal fight.

**SB 1360, (Kehoe, Conservation Easement Registry)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 531**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1360 will require the Resources Agency (Agency) to establish a central registry of all conservation easements, including agricultural conservation easements, held or required by the state, or acquired using state funds on or after January 1, 2006. It will require that the Agency make the registry accessible to the general public via the internet by January 1, 2009, amend existing law pertaining to existing county conservation indexing systems, and create a linkage between the state registry and county indices.

**AB 1395, (Ducheny, Environmental Quality: Native American Sites)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1395 would have required lead agencies to notify California Native American tribes when specified categories of projects are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Tribes determined by the California Native American Heritage Commission to have an interest in the project site would need to be notified. The notification would have been required to be filed within ten days of the determination of exemption and include specified information.

**SB 1396, (Denham, Horse Racing, Licensing)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 400**

**Bill Summary:** This administration-sponsored bill states that the withdrawal of an application for a license to conduct horse racing meets shall not deprive the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) of its authority to institute a proceeding against the applicant for the denial of the license upon any lawful grounds. The bill provides that the suspension, expiration or forfeiture of a license issued by the board shall not deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding. This bill also requires the board to contract with persons to perform as stewards.

**SB 1505, (Lowenthal, Fuel: Hydrogen Alternative Fuel)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 877**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1505 will declare the Legislature's intent to increase the production and use of hydrogen based alternative fuels by adopting the Hydrogen Highway Network Blueprint plan. It will amend regulation adopted by the Air Resources Board (ARB) to ensure that the production and use of hydrogen created pursuant to the hydrogen highway network is done in a manner that is clean and environmentally responsible.

**SB 1513, (Romero, Business, Transportation and Housing: Trade/Investment)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 663**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1513 enacts the International Trade and Investment Act. This bill establishes the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) as the primary state agency responsible for international trade and investment activities. The bill states that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is the primary state agency for the promotion of trade relating to California agriculture, fish, and forest exports cooperatively with BTH. This bill requires BTH to develop an international trade and investment policy. This bill also requires the Office of Planning and Research to make a list of all state agreements made with foreign governments. In addition, this bill requires the state point of contact for the United States Trade Representative to perform specified duties with regard to the effect of federal trade policy on the state.

**SB 1574,) Kuehl, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 535**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1574 will provide a statutory framework for implementing the Delta Vision Process by requiring the Secretary for the Resources Agency to convene a committee which would develop and submit to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2008, a "Strategic Vision for a Sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta" with specified components, including ecosystem functions, land use and land use patterns, transportation issues, utility uses, water supply uses, recreation uses, and flood management strategies.

**SB 1578, (Lowenthal, Dogs: Tethering Prohibition)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 489**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1578, with specified exceptions, will prohibit a person from tethering, fastening, chaining, tying, or restraining a dog to a dog house, tree, fence, or other stationary object.

**SB 1640, (Kuehl, Water)**

**Governor's Action: VETOED**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1640 would have amended and add sections to the Water Code. It would have required the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to prepare specific reports to be submitted to specified entities; allow an exemption for diversions for small domestic or livestock pond uses, as specified; specify ineligibility for state-sponsored funds for specific purposes; establish a groundwater monitoring program in cooperation with specified entities; revise law relating to agricultural water management planning; and require reports be submitted to the Legislature, as specified.

**SB 1733, (Aanestad, Water Quality)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**



**Chapter # 404**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1733 will afford greater discretion to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) to work with publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) serving small communities with financial hardships. Additionally, this bill will allow the State Board and Regional Boards to ensure POTWs with financial hardships to correct violations and other conditions of noncompliance without imposing mandatory minimum penalties and allow greater flexibility on how funds will be spent on compliance projects. Furthermore, the bill will help clarify the rights of the public agencies when appearing before the State and Regional Boards.

**SB 1802, (Ducheny, Farmworker Housing)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 520**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1802I would increase the number of beds that are allowed to exist on agricultural land as employee housing.

**SB 1805, (Florez, Horse Racing: Thoroughbred Racing: Handle)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 883**

**Bill Summary:** This urgency bill provides that every thoroughbred association and fair that conducts a thoroughbred racing meet to deduct a percentage of the total amount handled in exotic parimutuel pools to be distributed to a racing association to defray costs of workers' compensation insurance. This bill also provides that any funds that are not used for that purpose shall either be carried forward to the subsequent year or used to reimburse racing associations for safety related expenditures.

**SB 1814, (Torlakson, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Schools)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 882**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1814 will amend Section 21157 of the Public Resources Code to include a long-term plan for school district projects among the kinds of projects for which a master Environmental Impact Report (master EIR) could be prepared.

**SB 1843, (Committee on Natural Resources and Water, Natural Resources: California Coastal Act: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 294**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1843 will make a technical correction regarding a reference to the San Gabriel Valley Watermaster as one of the entities involved in preparing the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan. It will also allow the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to be

represented by their designee on the board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

**SB 1852, (Senate Judiciary Committee, Maintenance of the Codes)**

**Governor's Action: SIGNED**

**Chapter # 538**

**Bill Summary:** SB 1852 will make numerous non-substantive changes to the California Codes, including amending Food and Agricultural Code sections 3955, 4054, 5774.5, 13127.92, 14978.2, 19314, 30801, 36805, 39901, 42684, 52295, 52891.1, 62069, 73053, 73202, 75022, 77373, 77375, 77554 and 77941. The Department is also referenced in section 2120 of the Fish and Game Code, and section 29735(f) of the Public Resources Code, as amended.